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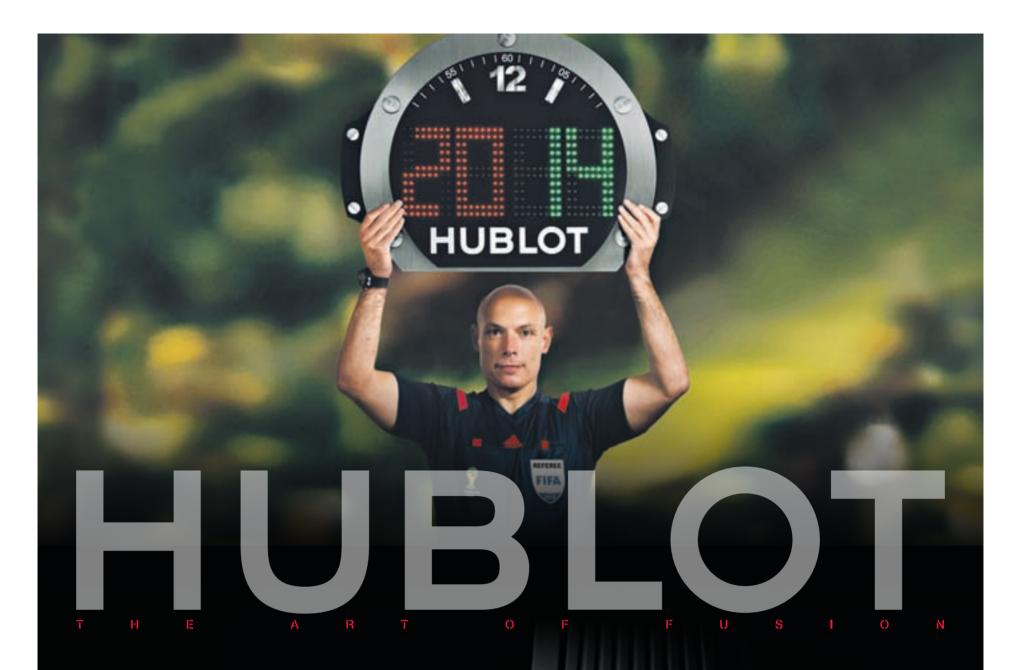
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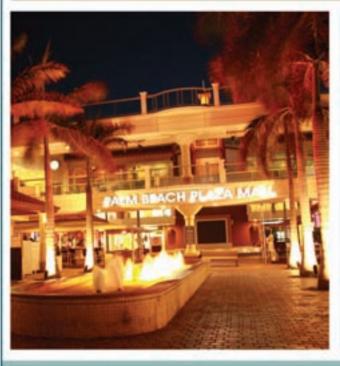






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Flooding in Texas, Oklahoma prompts rescues, evacuations

SETH ROBBINS Associated Press SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP)

— Record rainfall wreaked havoc across a swath of the U.S. Midwest on Sunday, causing flash floods in normally dry riverbeds, spawning tornadoes and forcing at least 2,000 people to flee.

About 350 homes in the town of Wimberley were washed away by flash floods along the Blanco River, which rose 26 feet in just one hour and left piles of wreckage 20 feet high, Texas authorities said.

"We do have whole streets with maybe one or two houses left on them and the rest are just slabs," Hays County emergency management coordinator Kharley Smith said, describing the town of Wimberley, about 40 miles southwest of Austin, where several people were missing.

"It looks pretty bad out there," she said.

Tornados struck, severely damaging an apartment complex in Houston, Texas,



Jeremy Steele, left, Ric Jaime, center, and Keith McNabb salvage belongings at their friend Mike Cook's house near Wimberley, Texas, Sunday, May 24, 2015. About 350 homes in the town of Wimberley were washed away by flash floods along the Blanco River, which rose 26 feet in just one hour and left piles of wreckage 20 feet high, Texas authorities said.

(Jay Janner/Austin American-Statesman via AP)

and a firefighter in Oklahoma was swept to his death while trying to rescue 10 people in high water.

Rivers rose so fast that whole communities woke up Sunday morning surrounded by water. The Blanco River

crested above 40 feet, more than double its flood stage of 13 feet, swamping Interstate 35 and forcing parts of the busy north-south highway to close. Rescuers used pontoon boats and a helicopter to

pull people out.

Dallas faced severe flooding, with the Trinity River expected to crest near 40 feet Monday and lap at the foundations of an industrial park.

The Red and Wichita rivers

also rose far above flood stage.

This May is already the wettest on record for several cities in the southern Plains states, with days still to go and more rain on the way. The widespread heavy rains are being caused by a prolonged warming of Pacific Ocean sea surface temperatures that generally results in cooler air, coupled with an active southern jet stream and plentiful moisture from the Gulf of Mexico,

said Meteorologist Forrest Mitchell at National Weather Service office in Norman, Oklahoma.

So far this year, Oklahoma City has recorded 27.37 inches of rain. Last year at this time, only 4.29 inches had been recorded.

This kind of sustained rainfall may end the prolonged drought that has gripped the region for years, since moisture now reaches about two feet below the surface of the soil and many of Oklahoma's lakes and reservoirs are full.





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Defense chief: After Ramadi, Iraq's 'will to fight' at issue

KEN DILANIAN AP Intelligence Writer WASHINGTON (AP)

The Islamic State group's takeover of the provincial capital of Ramadi is stark evidence that Iraai forces lack the "will to fight," Defense Secretary Ash Carter said in a TV interview that aired Sunday. The harsh assessment raised new questions about the Obama administration's strategy to defeat the extremist group that has seized a strategically important swath of the Middle East.

Although Iraqi soldiers

"vastly outnumbered" their opposition in the capital of Anbar province, they quickly withdrew last Sunday without putting up much resistance from the city in Iraq's Sunni heartland, Carter said on CNN's "State of the Union."

The Iraqis left behind large numbers of U.S.-supplied vehicles, including several tanks, now presumed to be in Islamic State hands. "What apparently happened is the Iraqi forces just showed no will to fight," Carter said. "They were not outnumbered; in fact, they vastly outnum-

bered the opposing force. That says to me, and I think to most of us, that we have an issue with the will of the Iraqis to fight ISIL and defend themselves."

The White House declined to comment on Sunday. Iraqi lawmaker Hakim al-Zamili, the head of the parliamentary defense and security committee, called Carter's comments "unrealistic and baseless," in an interview with The Associated Press.

"The Iraqi army and police did have the will to fight IS group in Ramadi, but these forces lack good



Defense Secretary Ash Carter speaks during a news conference at the Pentagon in Washington. The Islamic State group's takeover of Ramadi is evidence that Iraqi forces do not have the "will to fight," Defense Secretary Ash Carter said in an interview on CNN's "State of the Union" that aired Sunday, May 24, 2015.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

equipment, weapons and aerial support," said al-Zamili, a member of the political party headed by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who is stridently anti-American.

American officials say they are sending anti-tank weapons to the Iraqi military. But they also noted that Iraqi forces were not routed from Ramadi they left of their own accord, frightened in part by a powerful wave of Islamic State group suicide truck bombs, some the size of the one that destroyed the federal building in Oklahoma City two decades ago, said a senior State Department official who spoke to reporters last week under ground rules he not be named.

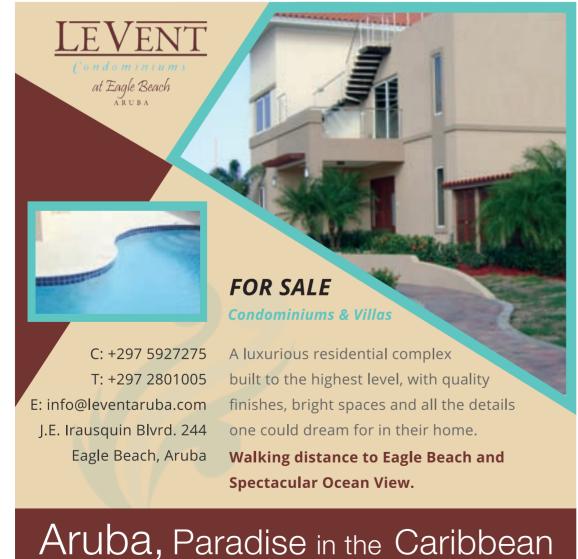
"The ISF was not driven out of Ramadi," Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said last week. "They drove out of Ramadi."

A senior defense official

noted that the troops who fled Ramadi had not been trained by the U.S. or its coalition partners. The official was not authorized to address the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Still, the fall of Ramadi is reviving questions about the effectiveness of the Obama administration's approach in Iraq, a blend of retraining and rebuilding the Iraqi army, prodding the Shiite-dominated government in Baghdad to reconcile with the nation's Sunnis and bombing Islamic State group targets from the air without committing American ground combat troops.

Obama's approach is predicated on Baghdad granting political concessions to the country's alienated Sunnis, who are a source of personnel and money for the Islamic State group. But there has been little visible progress on that front.





At Press Time:

After officer's acquittal, 2 more cases loom for Cleveland

MARK GILLISPIE Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland emerged unscathed and intact after a day of protests following the acquittal of a patrolman who had been on trial in the shooting deaths of two unarmed suspects killed in a 137-shot barrage of police gunfire.

Officers arrested 71 people the night after the verdict, though there was nothing close to the violence other cities have experienced during protests over cases in which black suspects were killed by police in Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri.

But Cleveland is not yet done dealing with deadly police encounters.

Two other high-profile police-involved deaths still hang over the city: a boy holding a pellet gun fatally shot by a rookie patrolman and a mentally ill woman in distress who died after officers took her to the ground and handcuffed her.

The deaths of 12-year-old Tamir Rice and 37-yearold Tanisha Anderson occurred just eight days apart last November.

An investigation by the Cuyahoga County sheriff's department into Tamir's death is nearly finished and ready to be given to county prosecutors to decide whether to pursue criminal charges against the patrolman.

The status of the investigation into Tanisha Anderson's death is unclear. A medical examiner said she died of positional asphyxiation, which meant she couldn't breathe, and ruled her death a homicide. City and police officials did not respond to messages Sunday seeking an update about the case. remained peaceful and Tamir and Anderson, like respectful as they voiced the two motorists whose deaths were at the center of Saturday's verdict, were black.

The acquittal of Patrolman Michael Brelo on in the November 2012 deaths of Timothy Russell and Malissa Williams prompted a spontaneous protest outside

the courthouse that later merged with a planned protest over Tamir's death at the recreation center where he was shot.

Tamir's grandfather expressed his outrage to a crowd of several hundred people.

"I'm mad as hell," Eugene Rice said. "What I want to do I better not say."

Walter Madison, an attorney for Tamir's family, said he'd been cautiously optimistic about the outcome in the Brelo case. He said he respected the judge's legal analysis in acquitting Brelo, but wondered if the prosecutor's office would have better served justice by pursuing some other charge, such as conspira-

Madison wants Tamir's case to be reviewed by an independent prosecutor instead of the county prosecutor.

"It would be the best practice to avoid the appearance of impropriety at this particular junction," Madison said.

A message left for the county prosecutor's office was not immediately returned Sunday.

The protests that weaved through downtown Cleveland were boisterous but peaceful throughout the day Saturday. It was only later that trouble began with fights, bystanders being pepper sprayed by protesters and confrontations involving police, some of whom wore riot gear. The largest number of arrests occurred in the popular Warehouse District, where a large group of protesters gathered in an alley and refused to disburse.

On Sunday, Mayor Frank Jackson thanked the vast majority of protesters who their frustration over the verdict.

Brelo, 31, still faces administrative charges while remaining suspended without pay after being found not guilty of two counts of voluntary manslaughter. Brelo and 12 other officers fired 137 shots at a car with



downtown during a protest against the acquittal of Michael Brelo, a patrolman charged in the shooting deaths of two unarmed suspects, in Cleveland. Brelo was acquitted Saturday in a case involving a 137-shot barrage of gunfire that helped prompt the U.S. Department of Justice determine the city police department had a history of using excessive force and violating civil rights.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

Russell and Williams inside at the end of a 22-mile (35-kilometer) chase. The chase began when Russell's care for gunfire.

backfired while passing by police headquarters, and police mistook the sounds



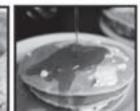




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Bronx boy, 14, killed in 'point blank' shooting caught on surveillance video

RICK ROJAS REBECCA WHITE © 2015 New York Times NEW YORK - Early Friday, Christopher Duran, 14, left his home on a Bronx street lined with brick apartment buildings and dotted with trees. He made a stop at a nearby laundromat and then, his family said, he headed off to school, walking with his younger

Suddenly, about 8:30 a.m., a gunman approached Christopher and shot him in the face, a law enforcement official said. His brother and his friend

brother and a friend.



Christopher Duran's relatives mourn after his death in New York. Duran, 14, was the victim of a "directed shooting" this weekend, a police official said. The authorities released an image from surveillance video of a suspect.

(Edwin J. Torres/The New York Times)

dove under cars, waiting for the shooting to end, his relatives said. Christopher was on the pavement, with three other gunshot wounds to the abdomen. Two assailants were seen leaving the scene.

By the time paramedics arrived, the authorities said, Christopher was dead.

Investigators believe the teenager was the intended target of the brazen morning attack. One senior police official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation, called it a "directed shooting." But the police were still trying to piece together what prompted the attack. It could have been gang-related, the police said, and might have involved a dis-

pute between rival groups. In the hours after the shootina. Christopher's family and their friends gathered on the street, sobbing and embracing each other. His brother was still in shock, relatives said. His mother sat outside on a plastic crate, bawling.

Relatives and family friends insisted that Christopher was not involved with gangs. "He was not into the streets," said Stephanie Guzman, 25, a cousin of the victim. "He was not doing anything wrong. Why shoot an innocent kid that hasn't done no harm to anybody?"

Guzman described Christopher as a "good kid," passionate about boxing and diligent about his schoolwork. "He loved sports, karate, he loved to watch TV," she said. "He was always upstairs with his friends. He didn't really go out."

But a police official said Christopher had been arrested at least five times since 2013 on charges that included assault, knife possession and robbery. Because he was a juvenile, the records are sealed so the specifics of the incidents are unknown. The official said Christopher's older brother was a "known member" of a local gang called the 280 Crew, but investigators did not know if Christopher was also in the group.

The boy's death comes amid a sharp increase in shootings across New York, including the area of the Bronx covered by the 44th Precinct, where Christopher was killed.

Citywide, there were 378 shootings in 2015 through Sunday, compared with 353 shootings in the same period last year, according to Police Department statistics.

In the 44th Precinct, the number of shootings had doubled, to 16, compared with the same period last year, the statistics show.

As detectives fanned out Friday in search of witnesses, they were able to collect surveillance footage from which they extracted an image of one of the suspects. It shows a man wearing a white-and-blue hoodie, the hood pulled over his head, and a red bandanna covering his neck and chin. (The second suspect, who was not seen in the image, was described as dressed in all black.)

The footage also offered investigators a clear view of the shooting. A police official said it showed a gunman running right up to the victim and firing "point blank in the face."

"It's pretty gruesome," Robert K. Boyce, the chief of detectives, told reporters at the scene.





4 detained with suspect in DC slayings released

BEN NUCKOLS Associated Press

police say they have released four people who were detained at the same time that the suspect in the slayings of a wealthy family

was taken into custody. Police did not identify the four people or say how long they were detained.

Thirty-four-year-old slayings of 46-year-old Savvas Savopoulos; his wife, 47-year-old Amy Savopoulos; their 10-year-old son, Philip Savopoulos; and a housekeeper, Veralicia Figueroa. Police have said in charging documents that they believe Wint had

Da- help from others holding ron Wint is the only person the Savopouloses cap-**WASHINGTON (AP)** — D.C. who's been charged in the tive inside their northwest Washington mansion for at least 18 hours. But no other suspects have been identified. Wint was arrested Thursday night in Washington, a week after the slayings. He had previously worked for Savvas Savopoulos' company.

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Protester leaves Shell ship north of Seattle; 1 remains

GENE JOHNSON Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — One of two protesters who affixed themselves to an Arctic oildrilling support ship parked north of Seattle left the vessel Sunday, but the other remained suspended from its anchor chain in an effort to draw attention to climate change and the risks an oil spill could pose in the remote waters off northwestern Alaska.

Protester Matt Fuller requested help getting down from the Arctic Challenger in Bellingham Bay about 4:30 a.m. Sunday, and the Coast Guard said it obliged. The Arctic Challenger is part of a fleet Royal Dutch Shell expects

to use to conduct exploratory drilling in the Chukchi Sea off northwestern Alaska this summer — plans that have drawn large protests in Seattle, where a massive, floating drill rig is being prepared for the excursion. A student activist identified as Chiara D'Angelo suspended herself from the Arctic Challenger's anchor chain on Friday night, and Fuller joined her early Saturday. In a telephone interview Sunday, Fuller, 37, said D'Angelo remained hanging from the anchor chain in a hammock.

Fuller called Shell's plans "an affront to our planet and to our society and especially to the indigenous populations up in Alaska



A woman identified as Chiara D'Angelo has suspended herself in a climbing harness from the anchor chain of the Royal Dutch Shell support ship Arctic Challenger in the harbor at Bellingham,

(Reese Semanko via AP)

who rely on the fish for their subsistence and economic wellbeing." He said he was Obama, which has given motivated to protest by a tentative green light to

frustration with the administration of President Barack the project after finding that Shell had developed strong safeguards to protect against an oil spill.

Fuller said he didn't have a hammock to rest in, but only a climbing harness and a less-than-stable piece of wood jammed into the anchor chain.

"It's extraordinarily uncomfortable, sitting and standing on a 2-by-4 attached to a cold, giant anchor chain," he said. The Coast Guard brought Fuller to Coast Guard Station Bellingham, where he was met by medical staff and local police. He was found to be in good condition, and he was not arrested, though Bellingham police warned him not to trespass.



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Gay couples awake to new Ireland, hope to wed by Christmas

SHAWN POGATCHNIK Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — Gay couples of Ireland woke up Sunday in what felt like a nation reborn, with dreams of wedding plans dancing in their heads.

This new reality was sinking in after the Irish people voted with a surprisingly strong 62 percent "yes" to enshrine the right to gay marriage in the country's conservative 1937 constitution. Thousands of revelers of all

until dawn after the result communities in Ireland. was announced Saturday night.

confirmed Sunday it plans to draft a marriage bill this week that will permit those taking vows in civil ceremonies to choose either to be "husband and wife" or "spouses of each other." It will ensure that no church is required to perform a gay marriage, a key demand

Deputy Prime Minister Joan Burton said she expects The Justice Department the bill to become law by early July. Because existing law requires a minimum three-month notice for any civil marriages, the first gay weddings cannot happen until the fall.

For Sen. Katherine Zappone and Ann Louise Gilligan, their day has nearly come. Since 2003 they have of the dominant Catholic fought for legal recogni-Church and also the main tion of their Canadian marsexual identities celebrated Protestant and Muslim riage, suffering setbacks



Yes supporters celebrate at the final result at Dublin castle, Ireland. Gay couples of Ireland woke up Sunday in what felt like a nation reborn, with dreams of wedding plans dancing in their heads.

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the state all the way to the Supreme Court.

"For so long, I've been having to dig in my heels and say ... Well, we ARE married. I'm a married woman!" said Zappone, a Seattle native who settled with her Irish spouse in Dublin three decades ago.

new Ireland," said Gilligan, a former nun.

Zappone and Gilligan thrilled a crowd of thousands of rainbow flag-waving revelers Saturday at the results center at Dublin Castle with a playful promise to renew their vows. Zappone dramatically broke off from a live TV interview, stared directly into the camera, and asked Gilligan to marry her all over again.

"I said yes to Katherine 12 years ago at our marriage in Canada," Gilligan, nearby, shouted to the crowd. "And now we are bringing the 'yes' back home to Ireland, our country of Ireland! Yes, yes, yes!"

day, the couple reflected recalled with a laugh.

and delays as they sued on their long road to social acceptance and the remaining wait to get officially hitched in Ireland, before Christmas they hope.

"It took us hours to get a taxi (Saturday night) because so many people came up to us in tears, wanting to talk to us. They now felt so much freer, and proud," "We are now entering a said Zappone, who became Ireland's first openly lesbian lawmaker when Prime Minister Enda Kenny appointed her to the Senate in 2011.

> "There aren't that many moments in life where you are surrounded with an exuberance of joy.

> These are rare moments," said Gilligan, a former Loreto nun who left the order in her mid-20s to pursue social justice as a lay Catholic. She wasn't sure about her sexuality until Zappone entered their first theology class together at Boston College in 1981.

"The door opened, and this gorgeous woman came in. I didn't know I was lesbian. In a more sober mood Sun- I'm a late learner," Gilligan



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Dutch prime minister thanks American liberators



U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands Timothy Broas, third left, and Netherlands' Prime Minister Mark Rutte, fourth left, applaud during a Memorial Day commemoration service in Margraten, southern Netherlands, Sunday May 24, 2015, marking the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. Thousands of people attended Sunday's ceremony at the American cemetery, a manicured patch of 65.5 acres contains 8,301 headstones.

(AP Photo/Vincent Jannink)

MARGRATEN, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte paid tribute Sunday at a Memorial Day ceremony to U.S. troops who fought and died liberating the Netherlands from Nazi occupation in World War II, while NATO's supreme commander said the fight to defend freedom continues to this day.

Thousands of people sat under blue skies and wispy white clouds for Sunday's ceremony at the American cemetery in Margraten, a manicured patch of 65.5 acres (26.5 hectares) in the rolling hills of the southern province of Limburg that contains 8,301 headstones. The cemetery is on land close to the Dutch border with Germany that was liberated from Nazi occupation on Sept. 13, 1944, by the U.S. 30th Infantry Division.

"We say thank you to our liberators," Rutte said. "Thank you for enabling us to stand here today in freedom, and we bow our heads in memory of the fallen."

Among the thousands of people attending the solemn ceremony were or-

phans of soldiers who were buried or are listed as missina at Mararaten.

Arthur Chotin, whose father was killed in a jeep accident in the aftermath of the war and is buried at Margraten, thanked Dutch families who have adopted all of the graves at the cemetery, helping to keep alive the memory of the

"Even though I didn't know him, I think of him almost every day. What he missed and what my mother and I missed," Chotin said. "So here I am. 70 years old, more than twice the age of the father I never played catch with, never argued with, never even hugged. And the single thought in my mind today is that I hope he would be proud of me.

"Oh, the power these dead have over those they left behind."

NATO's supreme commander, U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, reminded the crowd that the freedom Allied soldiers died defending in World War II cannot be taken for granted. "Recent world events have shown us the concept of armed conflict in Europe remains possible," he said.

"We must be vigilant if we are going to preserve democracy and freedom," Breedlove said. "It is important that we celebrate the courage of the youth of yesterday but we must also support the youth of today as our service members continue to defend the values forever enshrined here."

Female peace activists cross demilitarized zone in Koreas

CHOE SANG-HUN © 2015 New York Times

PAJU, South Korea - A group of 30 female peace activists, including the feminist leader Gloria Steinem and two Nobel Peace Prize laureates, on Sunday crossed the demilitarized zone from North Korea to South Korea, calling for an end to the Korean War, whose unresolved hostility has been symbolized by the heavily armed border for six decades.

It was rare for the two rival Korean governments to agree to allow a group of peace activists to pass through the border known as the DMZ.

Yet some of the symbolism the activists had hoped to generate with their Women Cross DMZ campaign was lost when South Korea denied them permission to walk through Panmunjom, a border village where a truce was signed in 1953 to halt, though not formally end, the conflict, leaving the divided Korea in a technical state of war.

Instead, the women, who had traveled from Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, were detoured to a checkpoint southwest of Panmunjom. There, convoys of South Korean trucks go to and from a joint industrial park in the North Korean town of Kaesong. The women, carrying banners, were again barred from walking across the border, and had to cross by bus.

Still, they considered the endeavor a success. "We have accomplished what no one said can be done, which is to be a trip for peace, for reconciliation, for human rights and a trip to which both governments agreed," Steinem told the South Korean news media.







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Hezbollah vows to expand involvement in Syria's civil war



A Hezbollah fighter stands guard during a rally commemorating "Liberation Day," which marks the withdrawal of the Israeli army from southern Lebanon in 2000, in the southern town of Nabatiyeh, Lebanon, Sunday, May 24, 2015. Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of the militant Hezbollah group, said Sunday that the region is facing "unprecedented danger" from extremist groups and vowed his militants will expand their involvement in Syria's civil war in support of government forces.

BASSEM MROUE Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The leader of the militant Hezbollah group said Sunday that the region is facing "unprecedented danger" from extremist groups and vowed his fighters will expand their involvement in Syria's civil war in support of government forces.

Sheik Hassan Nasrallah spoke during a ceremony marking the 15th anniversary of Israel's withdrawal from southern Lebanon, vowing to battle Sunni extremists groups such as the Islamic State group and al-Qaida. He said such factions are an "existential threat" to anyone who does not agree with their ideology.

Hezbollah openly joined

President Bashar Assad forces in the civil war in 2013 and its fighters have been taking part in a major battle in recent weeks against jihadis in the Qalamoun mountain region that borders Lebanon.

"Our presence will grow whenever it is required for us to be present," Nasrallah said in comments that came after Assad's forces suffered several defeats over the past two months - mostly in the northwestern province of Idlib and the southern region of Daraa. The western city of Palmyra, home to a set of historic Roman-era ruins, was captured by the Islamic State group last week.

"We are present today in many places and I tell you we will be present wherever this battle requires. We are up to it and we are the men for it," Nasrallah said speaking from a secret location on a giant video screen.

Inside Syria, a military helicopter crashed earlier Sunday at the northern air base of Kweiras, killing all of its crew, state TV said, as an activist group said it was shot down by Islamic State militants.

The TV report quoted an unnamed military official as saying that the helicopter crashed as a result of a technical problem while taking off. The report did not say how many crew members were onboard at the time of the crash.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Islamic State militants who have been laying siege to the base for months shot down the helicopter.

Kweiras military air base is in the northern province of Aleppo and is close to the town of al-Bab, which is held by the Islamic State group.

The Islamic State group posted a statement on a militant website claiming responsibility for downing the Syrian helicopter.

Syrian rebels have shot down helicopters in the

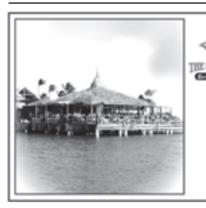
Meanwhile in Damascus, a bomb exploded Sunday morning near the city center killing a brigadier general and six of his bodyguards, the Observatory said. It added that the attack was claimed by the ultraconservative Ahrar al-Sham group. The Damascus media center identified the officer as Brig. Gen. Bassam Mehanna al-Ali. State news agency SANA

reported that a bomb exploded in the area without giving further details.









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K. CORCORAN Associated Press ECUANDUREO, Mexico (AP)

E. CASTILLO

— The call for backup went out to local police after 8 a.m. There was a shootout underway at a ranch in the western reaches of Michoacan state and the federal authorities needed help.

One patrolman said he sped with his colleagues from a town 20 minutes away and arrived at the scene Friday to see bullets flying and military and police helicopters hovering overhead in what would become the deadliest confrontation with suspected cartel members in recent memory.

"It looked like a battlefield," the officer said Saturday, insisting that on anonymity like everyone at the scene. The bloodshed at the ranch left 42 suspected criminals dead.

One federal police officer died while trying to aid a wounded comrade, government officials said.

Investigators and human rights officials continued to work Saturday at the scene,

where patrol cars of many agencies could be seen parked, and police guarded all entrances to the property, even dirt paths lead onto the 112-hectare (277-acre) property known as Rancho de Sol.

Photographs from the site showed the bodies of men without shirts and some without shoes strewn over the ranch, in an area near the Michoacan border with Jalisco state that is a stronghold of the Jalisco New Generation cartel, one of the most powerful and fastest-growing organized crime groups to surface in recent years.

The bodies, some appearing to lie with semi-automatic rifles, lay in fields, next to farm equipment and on a blood-stained patio strewn with clothes, mattresses and sleeping bags. Video of the battle obtained by The Associated Press showed federal police officers coming under fire.

While National Security Commissioner Monte Alejandro Rubido wouldn't name the cartel, he said



Police officers walk near the entrance of Rancho del Sol, near Ecuanduero, in western Mexico. At least 43 people died this weekend in what authorities described as a fierce, three-hour gunbattle between federal forces and suspected drug gang gunmen at the ranch.

the responsible group has its base in Jalisco state.

Government officials said the shooting broke out early Friday as federal authorities responded to a complaint of armed men taking over the ranch.

Federal forces heading to the ranch met a truck

carrying armed men who opened fire, and when government forces chased the gunmen onto the ranch, they came under heavy fire from others, Rubido said.

Authorities detained three people and confiscated 36 semi-automatic weapons,

two smaller arms, a grenade launcher that had been fired and a .50-caliber rifle, Rubido said.

(AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)

He said eight vehicles also were confiscated, six of them set ablaze by a fire inside a storehouse that created a black plume of smoke seen for miles.







Jailed Venezuelan leader starts hunger strike, urges protest

JORGE RUEDA Associated Press CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

 Jailed opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez has begun a hunger strike and is calling for a mass antigovernment protest next weekend.

The former Caracas area mayor accused authorities in a video leaked to news media this weekend of killing dozens of people during 2014 protests. More than 40 deaths on all sides were reported in those demonstrations.

Lopez has been held in a military prison for more than a year on charges related to his role in leading last year's protests against the South American country's socialist administra-



Opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez, dressed in white and holding up a flower stem, is taken into custody by Bolivarian National Guards, in Caracas, Venezuela, February 18, 2014. Lopez has begun a hunger strike and is calling for a mass antigovernment protest next weekend.

(AP Photo/Alejandro Cegarra)

news broke that fellow option. The video leak came after position Daniel Ceballos

was being removed from the military prison outside Caracas where he was held with Lopez and transferred to a public jail away from the capital.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Roberta Jacobson said on Twitter late Saturday that she was "worried" about Ceballos' transfer without a judicial order and called on the government of President Nicolas Maduro to "release all political prisoners."

Ceballos' transfer comes amid worsening economic problems in Venezuela, including the national currency's loss of a quarter of its value over the last week. In the video, Lopez repeated his charge that Venezuela's government is corrupt

and incompetent.

"One year and three months after our call for change, the situation has gotten even worse. More lines, more inflation, more scarcity, more crime, more corruption," he said, standing before what looks like a metal door in a mostly bare white room.

Lopez called for big, peaceful demonstrations next Saturday. He also announced he and Ceballos were starting a hunger strike to demand the release of political prisoners and an end to government repression, as well as to a set date for leaislative elections that the administration has promised to hold sometime in November or December.

Guyana's leader forms cabinet, seeks to boost energy sector

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Guyana's new president has appointed 27 ministers to his cabinet after his opposition coalition won the South American country's general election.

Retired army general David Granger awarded several ministries to the smaller Alliance for Change party

but said late Friday he will keep the immigration, natural resources and energy sectors under his control because they are essential to Guyana's future.

The announcement comes just days after Exxon Mobil Corp. said it has found what it called a "significant" oil discovery off Guyana's coast. The company

now is trying to determine the commercial viability of the find.

Granger, 69, said he also appointed a former police chief as special minister of citizenship to investigate allegations that government officials previously sold citizenships and passports to foreigners. He said authorities are aware that

foreigners coming to Guyana have obtained citizenship easily.

"We want to ensure that citizenship remains a prize that is protected by the state," he said.

The new cabinet so far has six more ministers than the previous one, and an additional appointment re-

Granger, a retired army general was sworn in on May 16, ending a 23-year reign by the People's Progressive Party.

His party has pledged to end racial divisions that long have marked politics in Guyana, a country of nearly 746,000 people who are mainly of Indian and African descent.

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At the Hyatt Regency: Arion Wine Company hosts Cab and Beef Seminar with Jackson Family Wines







PALM BEACH – Members of the food and beverage industry in Aruba recently came together for an entertaining and enlightening food and wine seminar, hosted by Arion Wine Company and Jackson Family Wines. The seminar, led by the first female Master Sommelier in Canada, Jennifer Huether, focused on pairing different cuts of beef with Cabernet Sauvignon Wines.



Participants were welcomed with a Galerie Naissance Sauvignon Blanc, before a pre-tasting with a selection of Jackson Family Wines, including a Kendall-Jackson 'Vintner's Reserve' Chardonnay, Stonestreet Chardonnay, La Crema Pinot Noir and Byron Pinot Noir. It was then on to the 'meat' of the seminar, where the group explored the nuances of pairing beef with wine, and how the full-bodied nature of the Cabernet Sauvignon stands up perfectly to a hearty steak. Cuts of Ribeye and Filet Mignon were served, paired with a Kendall-Jackson 'Vintner's Reserve' Cabernet Sauvignon, 2005 Freemark Abbey Sycamore Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon and the Stonestreet Cabernet Sauvignon.

Jackson, the Jackson Family vineyards and wineries are first and foremost family-owned and operated, which was Jess Jackson's goal, when he entered the wine business three decades ago, wishing to create a family enterprise specializing in handmade wines of unmatched character. Arion Wine Company is a local wine importing firm, offering great wines, teaching seminars, organizing tastings and educating those working in the hospitality sector. Arion Wine Company represents some of the world's most outstanding wineries in Aruba.

Reserve' Cabernet Sauvipnon, 2005 Freemark Abbey Sycamore Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon and Beef Seminar led by the Stonestreet Cabernet Sauvignon.

Photos show members of the food and beverage industry, enjoying the Cabbernet Sauvignon and Beef Seminar led by Jackson Family Wines' Master Sommelier Jennifer Huether.









Meet Mrs. Badist from Holland at Fishes & More on Wednesdays!

PALM BEACH - Mrs. Badist can be found at Fishes

& More Restaurant every Wednesday evening. This



great-looking lady is already in her nineties, but still very active and outgoing. Mrs. Badist loves the shrimp croquettes at Fishes & More and she is in love with the grouper as a main course. After dinner she orders an espresso and gets hugged by the staff who truly loves her.

Fishes & More can be found at the Arawak Garden, where it is one of various great restaurants, kiosks and a piano bar. There is nightly live music.

So please come by next Wednesday and say hello to Mrs. Badist; she'd love to meet you!



Marianne and Bill Dream About Sipping Cold Amstel Brights at MooMba Beach!

PALM BEACH - Marianne and Bill McIntyre from Pittsburgh, PA, are no strangers to Aruba: they have been here 16 times during the past 9 years. They feel at home here: one of the things they dream about when they are in Pittsburgh is drinking an ice-cold Amstel Bright on the beach, in particular MooMba Beach. The couple discovered MooMba Beach just recently, by the way: a sales staff member at the Marriott Resort recommended the beach bar as the best location to watch the Pittsburgh Steelers game. Since then MooMba Beach is at the top of their list of favorite places on Aruba.

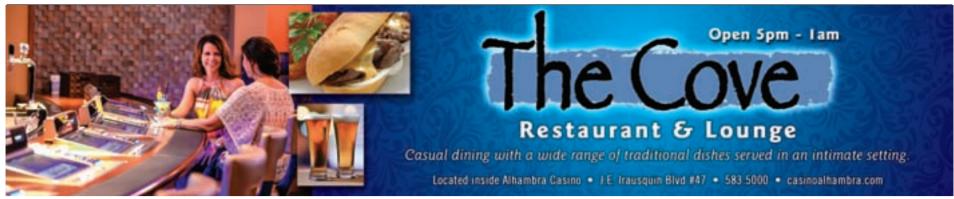
Marianne and Bill love to travel, but they agree that Aruba is the best destination. We are sure they'll be back soon therefore. Great to hear such good reviews! Thanks!







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Loyal Visitors Honored at the Renaissance Ocean Suites



PALM BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring two very nice couples who are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba, at the Renaissance Ocean Suites as Ambassadors of Goodwill and Emerald Ambassadors.

are presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to

guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 and 35-or-more consecutive years.

The honorees were Mr. Randy and Mrs. Vita Anne Damico from North Bellmore, New York, and Mr. Richard and Mrs. Dorothy Lemerise from Everett, Massachusetts. The honor-The symbolic honorary titles ees are loyal members of the Renaissance Ocean Suites and they love Aruba very much because of the

friendly people, the weather, the beaches and the restaurants, and because being on Aruba and staying at the Renaissance Ocean Suites is paradise for them!

The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mr. Tino Daal representing the Renaissance Ocean Suites.











Family White Honored at the Divi Tamarijn Beach Resort



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guests who visit Aruba for 20-or-more consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Chester and Mrs. Jackie White from Brockton, Massachusetts.

Chester and Jackie are loyal guests of the Divi Tamarijn Beach Resort, certificate was presented

tremely friendly people, like their great friend Mr. Francis Ridderstap, who they see every time they visit! Of course they also enjoy the weather, the beaches and the restaurants, and Aruba is paradise for them! The



by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with the White's friends whom they met in Aruba several vears ago and became real good friends, the Bruin family from Holland, Brigitte, Amber, Arie and Dominick also present was their best friend in Aruba Mr. Francis Ridderstap representing the Divi Tamarijn Beach Resort.



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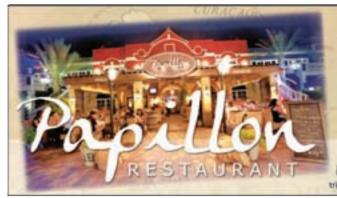


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Clutch final par gives Kirk win at Colonial, denies Spieth

STEPHEN HAWKINS AP Sports Writer FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)

— Chris Kirk made a parsaving 7-foot putt after an errant tee shot at the 18th hole, avoiding a playoff at Colonial and winning by a stroke Sunday for his fourth PGA Tour victory.

With a closing 4-under 66, Kirk got to 12-under 268, one ahead of Masters champion Jordan Spieth, playing partner Brandt Snedeker and Jason Bohn.

After Kirk hooked his tee shot at No. 18 into the left rough, he hit his approach from 155 yards over the green.

A nice chip set up the winning putt.

Snedeker, who closed with a 67, hit a similar tee shot as Kirk on the final hole and hit to 12 feet. But his birdie try, which would have been his first since making six the first 11 holes Sunday, slid past the hole and kept him from tying Kirk.

Bohn had a 63 that included six consecutive birdies on the front nine. Spieth shot 65, with a near-birdie that became a bogey at the par-3 16th hole.

When Kirk got in trouble at No. 18, Bohn and Spieth went to the nearby No. 1 tee and were hitting balls in preparation for a potential playoff.

Spieth was only a few minutes removed from a 20foot birdie putt at the closing hole, where more than an hour earlier Bohn had a 28-footer that lipped the cup and left him lifting the putter over his head in frustration

When Kirk made his putt, Spieth was standing near the 18th green watching.

Kirk's victory for a \$1.17 million check came at a saturated Hogan's Alley, where the sun finally came out late in the final round after heavy rain overnight and throughout tournament week.

Kevin Na, the outright leader after the second and third rounds, shot 72 and finished in an eight-way tie for 10th at 9 under. He was part of a leading four-way tie that included Spieth after the first round.

A 54-hole leader hasn't won Colonial since Phil Mickelson in 2008.

Spieth was making a bid to win the first of consecutive tournaments at home in the North Texas for the 21-year-old Masters champion from Dallas.

Like all week, Spieth got a rousing ovation when he got to the 18th green. That got even wilder when he finished by draining the long birdie, which was almost good enough for a playoff.

The PGA Tour's next stop is the Byron Nelson Championship in Irving, where Spieth twice made the cut as a teenage amateur.

Spieth had a 50-foot putt tracking to the cup at the 16th hole Sunday, but the ball went on the right edge



Chris Kirk kisses the champion's trophy after winning the Colonial golf tournament Sunday, May 24, 2015, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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and then curled 7 foot to the left. Spieth missed the comeback putt, dropping out to 10 under and out of the lead.

Like the opening round

Thursday, the scheduled start of play Sunday was pushed back three hours because of heavy rain overnight. PGA Tour officials said more than 1 1/2 inches of rain fell after the third round was complete, on top of probably 8 inches or so that had already soaked Hogan's Alley in the past few weeks.





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Montoya beats Power for second Indy 500 win

JENNA FRYER AP Auto Racing Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Juan Pablo Montoya insisted he had the best car in the Team Penske stable - even to his three teammates, who all believed they were legitimate contenders to win the Indianapolis 500.

As they ribbed each other during a Penske event about the traditional victory swig of milk, Montoya interrupted the debate with an emphatic declaration: "I don't understand why you are arguing — I'll win it, and I'll let you drink the milk."

In the end, he kept that whole bottle for himself.

Showing the same confidence he did 15 years ago when he routed the field, Montoya sliced his way from the back to the front twice on Sunday to win his second Indianapolis 500.

"This is too much," he said in victory lane, the winner's wreath around his neck and the traditional bottle of milk in his hand. Flanked by his three children, he looked everywhere for his wife. It was a far different scene from 2000, when the fearless Colombian was single, childless and using Indy cars as a stepping stone to Formula One. But his career has been a series of ups-and-downs since then — through F1, NASCAR and finally back to IndyCar with motorsports icon Roger Penske.

His win gave Penske his 16th Indianapolis 500 win, and first since Helio Castroneves in 2009. Penske also



Juan Pablo Montoya, of Colombia, celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the 99th running of the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 24, 2015. **Associated Press**

joined Chip Ganassi as the only owners to win the Daytona 500 and the Indianapolis 500 in the same year. start with 15 laps to go into Ganassi did it in 2010; Joey Logano won the Daytona 500 for Penske in February. The 15 years between Indy 500 victories are a record for a driver, surpassing A.J. Foyt, who needed 10 years between his third and fourth wins. That first win for Montoya? It came when he drove for Ganassi.

This victory was almost a combined nine cars in the field, the two owners showed over the last two weeks that their organizations are head-and-shoulders above the competition and Indianapolis is their own personal playground. Penske and Ganassi drivers

led the majority of the laps on Sunday — 193 of the 200 — and turned the final rea three-car thriller between Penske teammates Montoya and Will Power, and Ganassi driver Scott Dixon. "Ganassi was so strong all day long and they had a smart driver in Dixon," said Penske, who noted his drivers "played fair" the entire race with each other.

Power finished second and Ganassi driver Charlie Kimon pit road as Montoya headed to grab his bottle of milk. Later, as Montoya began the traditional victory lap around the 2.5-mile track in a convertible, Ganassi stopped the car to give Montoya a hug, smile and thumbs up.

It was thought that the leader on the final lap would be a sitting duck, but Montoya didn't care as he charged past Power with three laps remaining and stayed out front until the checkered flag.

"Montoya got that last run and maybe I was a bit nice to him into (turn) 1 and lifted," said Power. "That was some serious racing there, a lot of fun."Montoya, sometimes surly and scowling, grinned ear-to-ear Sunday certainly going to go to a ball was third, ahead of as he reveled in his return Team Penske or Chip Ga- teammate Dixon. The two to relevance. He's the Innassi Racing driver. With team owners embraced dyCar Series points leader and now has two wins this season. "This is what racing in IndyCar is all about — awesome racing all the way down to the wire," said Montoya, who won just two Sprint Cup Series races in seven seasons driving for Ganassi in NASCAR.

Montoya started 15th but an accident on the opening lap led to a lengthy caution and he was hit from behind by Simona de Silvestro during the yellow period. It damaged his rear bumper cover and he had to pit for repairs, which dropped him to 30th on the restart.

After picking his way through traffic, he was back near the front when a penalty for running over his air hose again knocked him deep into the field.

Montoya again drove his way back to the front and was mixing it up with Power, Dixon and Penske teammate Simon Pagenaud in no time. He led just nine total laps — far fewer than the race-high 84 by pole-sitter Dixon — but he only had to be out front for the one that mattered.

"Montoya coming from all the way in the back — I'll tell you, you give that guy the bit and put it in his mouth ... he doesn't give up," Penske said.

which has Chevrolet, dominated both the entire month at Indianapolis and this IndyCar season, took the top four spots and eight of 10. Graham Rahal and Marco Andretti finished fifth and sixth to represent Honda, which grossly underperformed the entire month in the speedway debut of the new aerokits. The body work designs by the two manufacturers have been under scrutiny since three cars — all Chevys — went airborne during practice last week.





Napoli homers again, drives in 4; Red Sox beat Angels 6-1

By KEN POWTAK **Associated Press**

BOSTON (AP) -- Mike Napoli might want to find that child that autographed his bat a couple of days ago and have him sign a few more.

Pitching Details

Napoli hit his fourth homer of the series - all with a bat he had a child sign before the series opener - and drove in four runs to lead the Boston Red Sox to a 6-1 win over the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday.

"Sometimes there's kids in the dugout (pregame) and I go up and have them sign my bat," he said. "It's kind of crazy, the first home run I hit the other day I hit right where he signed it. That was pretty cool.''

All he knows is the child's name is Ethan and he was one of a few guests in the dugout before Friday's series opener.

So, he might start looking for him again if he cools off. "Everybody's always asking me for my autograph, I think it's pretty cool to say, 'Can I get your autograph?''' Napoli said. "They love that and they write their name on the bat."

Napoli belted a two-run home run, two-run double and improved his career average to .333 with 18 homers and 36 RBIs in 47 games against his former team.

"I think there's always some incentive when you go up against your old organization," Red Sox manager John Farrell said.



Boston Red Sox's Mike Napoli, right, celebrates his two-run home run with teammates Rusney Castillo (38) and Xander Bogaerts (2) as Los Angeles Angels' Chris Iannetta, center, looks on during the second inning of a baseball game in Boston, Sunday, May 24, 2015.

Mike Trout had an RBI double for the Angels, who closed a 10-game road trip against AL East teams at

"Tip your cap to Napoli. He had a great series,'' Angels manager Mike Scioscia over 21 2-3 innings.

Napoli, who drove in eight runs to go with the four homers against the Angels, entered the weekend hitting .178 with four homers reason they go out there and 13 RBIs.

strong innings and Xander Bogaerts went 4 for 4 with a double and three singles

the three-game series after losing the opener Friday.

Miley (4-4) gave up one run and four hits, striking out two and walking one. He's won his past three starts, giving up just three runs

Hector Santiago (3-3) threw a career-high 124 pitches in 6 2-3 innings, allowing three runs and seven hits.

"A guy that's hot, for some when they're hot, they Wade Miley pitched eight just kind of run into balls it seems like,'' Santiago said of Napoli. "They don't miss the mistakes.''

pace, Miley retired the first 14 batters before walking Chris lannetta on a 3-1 pitch with two outs in the

C.J. Cron then singled to left after the Angels challenged that he was hit by a pitch a couple of pitches earlier. The umpires ruled that the ball hit the bat near his hands and, after about a minute review, it was upheld.

The Red Sox jumped ahead 2-0 in the second on Napoli's shot into the center-field bleachers, his fifth homer in the six-game homestand. for the Red Sox, who took Working his usual quick His double off the Green **Associated Press**

Monster made it 5-1 in the eighth.

Facing Los Angeles for the first time in his career, the Angels' hitters helped Miley by swinging early. He needed just 25 pitches in the first three innings.





Contador extends overall Giro lead; Landa wins 15th stage

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy (AP) — Alberto Contador extended his overall lead of the Giro d'Italia by seven seconds on Sunday after finishing third behind winner Mikel Landa on a mountainous 15th stage.

Landa attacked on the final steep section of the climb up to the Madonna Di Campiglio ski resort to claim his first Grand Tour stage victory, two seconds ahead of Yuri Trofimov.

Contador finished five seconds behind his fellow Spaniard, but edged out his closest challenger Fabio Aru to claim valuable bonus seconds. The Tinkoff-Saxo rider extended his lead over Aru to 2 minutes, 35 seconds in the overall standings.

"It's an important win for me and the team, because a win like this belongs to everyone when you work as we did today," said Landa, who rides for Astana along with Aru.



Spain's Mikel Landa celebrates as he crosses the finish line of the 15th stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race from Marostica to Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, Sunday, May 24, 2015. **Associated Press**

"We were in three, we had the numerical advantage and we couldn't let the stage win escape from us. "Our aim is to put Aru in the best position possible in the general classification. We want the maglia rosa (pink iersey) even though we know it is difficult. Second

spot seems safe enough, we will try to win this Giro playing with the superiority of the team."

The battle for the stage win was down to those four men in the final kilometers of the 165-kilometer (102.5mile) route from Marostica, which included three cat-

egorized climbs, after the fast pace by Astana had whittled down the group. Contador was left isolated for most of the final part of the course. However, he surprised everyone by darting out of the Astanadriven peloton to snatch bonus seconds in the final intermediate sprint — behind Herbert Dupont.

There were several attacks as each of the four tried to distance the others but

none stuck until Trofimov went with one kilometer remaining. However, he was caught and passed by Landa in the final 450 meters. It was only the second time the Giro had finished at Madonna di Campiglio, and the first since Marco Pantani stormed to a stage win in the pink jersey in 1999 but was sent home the next morning after showing elevated levels of haematocrit.







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Federer 'not happy' about on-court fan's French Open selfie

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer
PARIS (AP) — Roger Federer was not amused.

As Federer finished an interview after his first-round French Open victory Sunday, an overzealous fan left his seat and approached the 17-time major champion right there on the main stadium court in search of the most modern of mementos — a cellphone selfie.

At first, Federer seemed startled. Then he looked uncomfortable, trying to brush away the unexpected guest, who appeared to be in his teens, before a guard led the spectator away. And in the end, Federer was angry at what he considered a serious lapse in security.

"I'm not happy about it. Obviously, not (for) one second (am I) happy about it," Federer said, adding that something similar happened a day earlier, when several kids interrupted his practice session at Roland Garros. "Normally I only speak on behalf of myself, but in this



A boy who climbed down from the stands takes a selfie with Switzerland's Roger Federer in the first round match of the French Open tennis tournament against Colombia's Alejandro Falla at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Sunday, May 24, 2015.

situation, I think I can speak on behalf of all the players — that that's where you do your job, that's where you want to feel safe."

Tournament director Gilbert Ysern headed to the locker room to offer a personal apology and also spoke to Federer's wife, Mirka, in the players' lounge. Ysern called it "embarrassing" and acknowledged Federer "has good grounds

for being unhappy," but chalked the whole thing up to "lack of judgment" on the part of the security staff that let the intruder get by. "Honestly," Ysern said at a news conference, "at this stage, there is no reason for us to change the security procedures."

Ysern noted that tennis security was beefed up worldwide after then-No. 1 Monica Seles was stabbed in the back by someone who came out of the stands during a changeover at a tournament in Germany in 1993.

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"Given what happened with Seles and ... (that) we live in a civilization that has gone a bit mad, it's clear that we absolutely owe it to the players to allow them to play on the court," Ysern said. "Fortunately, our sport doesn't have fences and barbed wire around the courts. There's not that physical separation that isn't very pleasant."

It was, certainly as far as Federer was concerned, the most noteworthy development on Day 1 at the claycourt Grand Slam tournament. Like No. 2 Federer, who beat Colombia's Alejandro Falla 6-3, 6-3, 6-4, most seeded players progressed without a hitch. No. 5 Kei Nishikori and No. 8 Stan Wawrinka, who both exited in the first round last year, won in straight sets, as did No. 24 Ernests Gulbis, a 2014 semifinalist. The only seeded men gone were No. 25 Ivo Karlovic, beaten 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-4 by 2006 Australian Open runner-up Marcos Baghdatis, and No. 26 Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, edged 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (1), 3-6, 6-3 by 56th-ranked Steve Johnson of Redondo Beach, California.

Two seeded women headed home, too: No. 25 Peng Shuai, a 2014 U.S. Open semifinalist, quit after being treated for a back injury, and No. 31 Caroline Garcia. Among the winners were 2014 finalist Simona Halep and 2008 champion Ana Ivanovic.

Against Falla five years ago at Wimbledon, Federer lost the opening two sets of a first-round match before coming back to win. So on Saturday night, Falla watched 15 minutes of highlights from that close call "to get inspired."

Didn't help Sunday against the 2009 French Open champion, because, as Falla explained, "When I played my best tennis, he also played really well."

Yes, Federer tends to do that. And so it was that the most unsettling part of Federer's afternoon came moments after his match concluded.

The too-close-for-comfort encounter began with the spectator putting an arm around Federer's shoulder and holding up a phone to try to snap photos. Eventually, a guard pulled the kid away.

"It's a risk for the players," Falla said, "because anything can happen if a guy just can jump on the court."

Federer pointed out that his 2009 final on the same court was interrupted when a man jumped over the photographer's pit, went right up to the Swiss star and, oddly enough, tried to put a hat on him.



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Target settlement with MasterCard fails to get bank support

BREE FOWLER AP Technology Writer NEW YORK (AP) — A \$19

million deal between Target and MasterCard to settle lawsuits stemming from the retailer's massive pre-Christmas 2013 data breach has been scrapped, because it failed to get enough support from the affected banks and credit unions.

While the rejection sends the companies back to the drawing board, advocates for the financial institutions said they were pleased, claiming that the settlement would have provided compensation for just a fraction of the losses.

Under the settlement announced last month, Target Corp. agreed to set aside \$19 million for banks and credit unions that had issued MasterCards swept up in the breach that compromised 40 million credit and debit card accounts between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15, 2013.

Banks and credit unions would have been able to use the money to cover operating costs and fraudrelated losses stemming from the breach. But the settlement needed 90 percent of the issuers to accept the offer in order for it to go into effect.

MasterCard Inc. would only say Friday that not enough issuers approved confirmed that it had been notified by MasterCard of the development and declined further comment. Lawyers for banks that had sued Target over breachpush for "proper compensation" for their clients.

The National Association of Federal Credit Unions also on Friday issued a statement calling for full comcurity of their private data. That hurt profits and sales for months.

The breach also pushed banks, retailers and card companies to increase security by speeding the adoption of microchips in U.S. credit and debit cards. Supporters say chip cards are safer, because unlike magnetic strip cards that transfer a credit card number when they are swiped at a point-of-sale terminal, chip cards use a one-time code that moves between the chip and the retailer's register. The result is a transfer of data that is useless to anyone except the parties involved. Chip cards are also nearly impossible to copy, experts say. Target overhauled some of its divisions that handle security and technology. The company has also been upgrading its cash registers so they can accept chip cards in its nearly 1,800 stores. The breach was also a major factor behind the abrupt departure of its CEO Gregg Steinhafel in May 2014.

Target shares rose 2 cents to \$79.41 in afternoon trading, while MasterCard shares rose 8 cents to \$92.98.



This January, 2015 file photo shows a window decal indicating that MasterCard is accepted at a New York business. **Associated Press**

the deal. It would not reveal exactly how close it got to the 90 percent threshold.

"At this stage, we will continue to work to resolve the matter," the company said in a statement.

Minneapolis-based Target

related losses called the settlement an attempt by Target to "extinguish pending legal claims for pennies-on-the-dollar."

Lead attorneys Charles Zimmerman and Karl Cambronne said in a statement that they will continue to

pensation for its affected members.

Target disclosed the massive breach on Dec. 19, 2013 during the peak of the holiday shopping season. The disclosure rattled shoppers who avoided the retailer, fearing for the se-



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Tech investors see the froth, but none dare to call it a bubble, yet

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SAN FRANCISCO - It is a wild time in Silicon Valley. Twoyear-old companies are valued in the billions, ramshackle homes are worth millions and hubris has reached the point where otherwise sane businesspeople muse about seced-

through that will always wake up and see ghosts," said Jerry Neumann, founder of Neu Venture Capital in New York.

Today, people see shades of 2000 in the enormous valuations assigned to private companies like Uber, the on-demand cab company, which is raising \$1.5 real standard for determining how much a private company is worth - are inflating, leading some people to worry that investment decisions are being guided by something venture capitalists call FOMO - the fear of missing out.

In a recent analysis, Tunguz of Redpoint, who was in high school when the dotcom bubble burst, found that investors were paying twice as much for stakes in private technology companies as they were for those that were publicly traded.

He called it "a runaway train of late-stage fundraising." He also called it "a really weird time" and "a really hard environment to maintain financial discipline."

Bubbles seem obvious after the crash, of course. The problem is they are almost impossible to see in the present. Neumann admits he was caught in the dotcom bubble.

"I was a true believer in the Internet and all that," he said. So, do the staggering values of today's private tech companies look like yet another bubble?

"If the question is, Are these valuations divorced from fundamentals? I think they are," he said.

But that is not a bubble, he said. Rather, it is "an irrational pricing decision."

Investors are happy to admit that this torrid pace of investment has started to worry them. But they still try to steer clear of the b-word, unless they are describing what Silicon Valley is not

what Silicon Valley is not. Sam Altman, president of Y Combinator, an incubator that invests in very young companies, has grown so tired of bubble talk that this month he countered it with a \$100,000 "no bubble" bet. The bet, which will be donated to charity, is based on several variables, including his prediction that the five most valuable unicorns, a list that includes Uber and Airbnb, the home rental service, will be worth more than \$200 billion by 2020.



An Uber driver in New York. Many people see shades of the 2000 dot-com bubble, in the eye-popping valuations of companies like Slack and Uber.

(Sam Hodgson /The New York Times)

ing from the United States. But the tech industry's venture capitalists - the financiers who bet on companies when they are little more than an idea - are going out of their way to avoid the one word that could describe what is happening around them. Bubble.

"I guess it is a scary word because in some sense no one wants it to stop," said Tomasz Tunguz, a partner at Redpoint Ventures. "And so if you utter it, do you pop it?"

A bubble, in the economic sense, is basically a period of excessive speculation in something, whether it is tulips, tech companies or houses. And it is a loaded, even fearful, term in the tech industry, because it reminds people of the 1990s dot-com bubble, when companies with little revenue and zero profits sold billions in stock to a naive public. In 2000, tech stocks crashed, venture capital dried up and many young companies were vaporized. Even today, with the technology industry on fire, venture capital investment remains below its 2000 peak. "Anybody who lived

billion at terms that deem the company worth \$50 billion, and Slack, the corporate messaging service that is about a year old and valued at \$2.8 billion in its latest funding round.

A few years ago private companies worth more than \$1 billion were rare enough that venture capitalists called them "unicorns." Today, there are 107, according to CB Insights, enough that venture capitalists had to create a second term - "decacorn" - for private companies like Uber and the data analysis company Palantir Technologies that are worth more than \$10 billion.

Nobody doubts that many of tech's unicorns are indeed real businesses and that some could be with us for decades. But because of low interest rates, tech companies are raising gobs of money from investors whose desperate need for returns has pushed them into riskier territory. Startups have begun attracting money from hedge and mutual funds that don't usually invest in tech companies before they are public.

Valuations - and there is no

Strategies:

Experts Scope Out A Phantom Recession

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Economists are immensely influential. More frequently than the practitioners of perhaps any other academic discipline, they are called on for their learned judgments on public policy.

Yet on a public policy question that is central to their field, economists have often been dead wrong. Economists, as a group, have been so bad at forecasting the ups and downs of the business cycle that it's a wonder they continue trying to forecast at all.

A refreshingly candid blog post by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in 2011 asked searching questions about "The Failure to Forecast the Great Recession." Simon Potter, now head of the markets group at the New York Fed, said most private economists, and the staff of the Federal Reserve, failed to foresee the greatest economic downturn since the 1930s. We now know that the recession started in December 2007 and ended in June 2009. Almost nobody saw it coming.

Presumably, if we'd had some early warning, it might have been possible to take action to forestall the disaster - or at least prepare for it. Governments, corporations, families, universities, pension funds - just about everybody was blindsided. That's the nasty side of forecasting failure.

There is a lighter side, too. Economists often discern phantom recessions - downturns that never materialize in the real world. One of those hovered in the ether until last month, the recession of 2011 and 2012. Happily, it never happened, and we were all spared a great deal of pain.

But until this month, the Economic Cycle Research Institute - a small Manhattan think tank that once had an unblemished track record in the brutal sport of economic forecasting - was on the record as declaring that this phantom recession actually took place.

In October 2011, Lakshman Achuthan, the institute's chief operations officer, told me that a recession was imminent, if not underway. "We've entered a vicious cycle, and it's too late: A recession can't be averted," he said at the time. That was a distinctly minority view, but up until that point, the institute had been uncannily accurate for many years.

In 2005, for example, The Economist declared: "ECRI is perhaps the only organization to give advance warning of each of the past three recessions; just as impressive, it has never issued a false alarm." It correctly forecast the 2007-09 recession, too. So it seemed worthwhile in 2011 to report its warning.

Unfortunately for the institute, if not for everyone else, it was clearly a false alarm. "Mea culpa," Achuthan said in an interview last week. "We got that one wrong, and we regret it."

Why did the institute need nearly four years to own up to the error? It's taken that long to sift through the data, Achuthan said. The Bureau of Economic Analysis, a part of the U.S. Commerce Department, periodically revises the statistics on gross domestic product for up to five years, and until recently, Achuthan said, the institute wasn't certain about the state of the economy in 2011 and 2012. It seemed possible, he said, that revised numbers would show that he was right.

They haven't, though.

Instead, he has come around to the consensus view, which isn't much more cheerful.

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Tubman Versus Jackson



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Let's discuss putting a picture of a woman on the \$20 bill. But, first: How many of you remember lvy Baker Priest?

OK, nobody. Good thing I'm hard to discourage. But stick with me for a minute, and then we'll talk about Harriet Tubman versus Andrew Jackson.

In the 1950s, Ivy Baker Priest was the U.S. treasurer. This is not to be confused with secretary of the Treasury, a job of far greater power. We have never had a woman running the Treasury Department, but the last 15 treasurers have been female. Try not to be diverted by that factoid. We have work to do.

The treasurer does get her signature on all our paper currency, and I remember as a child being very impressed when my mother pointed out Priest's name on a dollar bill. It was, perhaps, the first time I realized a person of my gender could be in a position of public authority without being the queen of England.

The message here is that what goes on our money has an impact. "It's a reflection of the values in this country," said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire. As part of the current debate about putting a woman on one of the bills, she's introduced legislation that would require the secretary of the Treasury to convene "a panel of citizens" to discuss the whole portrait issue. "That's how it was done in the

"That's how it was done in the 1920s when Andrew Jackson was put on the \$20," she said.

Ah, Andrew Jackson. The perfect target. Slave-owner who came to national renown as an Indian-killer. Who, as president, made hatred of the national bank his big issue, while showing a certain fondness for state banks owned by his cronies.

On the positive side, he really loved his wife.

The Treasury Department hasn't changed a portrait since 1934, when it honored Woodrow Wilson, whose picture you will find on the extremely elusive \$100,000 note. All of our paper money feature white men, at least half of them slave-owners. A website called Women on 20s recently conducted a poll to find a woman to replace Jackson. It was a great educational tool. (A high school class in Palo Alto, California, sent me their

huge stack of make-believe money with brand-new faces of both genders. We will have to have a talk with whoever selected Tom Brady.)

But about the poll: Harriet Tubman won.

Pretty perfect. Replace the slave-owner with the escaped slave who returned to the South - again and again and again - to lead other slaves to freedom. These days "freedom" is a much-abused word, which gets applied to everything from capital gains tax cuts to office towers. But Harriet Tubman could get freedom back to where it once belonged.

So, we're all happy, right? Harriet Tubman for Andrew Jackson. Best trade ever.

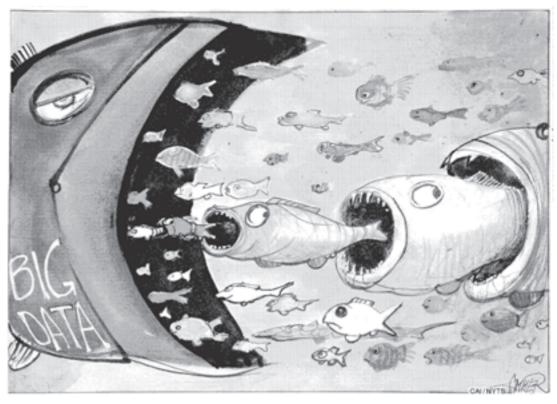
Not so fast. We should have guessed it wouldn't be simple when all we got from the Obama administration was the president's "pretty good idea." Changing American paper currency turns out to be a huge ordeal. The main decisionmaker is something called the Advanced Counterfeit Deterrence Steering Committee, with representatives from a whole bunch of government entities, including the Secret Service. "Whenever a decision is made, it's not just done. It takes years of research before the process even gets remotely underway," said Lydia Washington of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. But the British switch their currency portraits all the time! (Jane Austen is about to supplant Charles Darwin on the 10-pound note.) Sure, the United States currency is a global currency. We should regard change as a serious matter. However, not an epic challenge of herculean

proportions. The government did start on a \$10 bill redesign in 2013, and the process being what the process is, the effort has only just begun to twitch. The plan is to add a tactile feature that will allow blind people to identify the value of the currency.

On behalf of the blind, I have a question here: What good is being able to identify a \$10 bill if you can't identify a \$1 or a \$5 or a \$20? By the time all the paper currency gets fixed, it'll be the 22nd century.

Also, the \$10 bill pictures Alexander Hamilton. I suppose we could give him up to the cause, but have you seen the musical "Hamilton?" It will definitely make you feel as though we should hang onto him for a while.

All in all, it's clear we've got a lot of work to do. Maybe Ivy Baker Priest understood what a heavy lift change is when she said women didn't care about having their pictures on money "as long as we get our hands on it." "Getting our hands on the money is equally important," said Shaheen mildly. But, really, we can go for both.



Hillary, Jeb, Facebook and Disorder

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For a presidential campaign that has started so early, it's striking how little most of the candidates want to engage with major issues of the day, let alone the future. Hillary Clinton won't take a clear stand on two big issues she helped to negotiate as secretary of state: the free-trade deal with Pacific nations and the nuclear deal with Iran. Jeb Bush's campaign seems stuck on whether he is or is not his brother's keeper. Marco Rubio was for comprehensive immigration reform before he was against it. While Sens. Rand Paul and Bernie Sanders are motivated by clear ideologies, the others, so far, evince much more compelling ambitions to be president than compelling reasons for why they should be.

That can't last. Just follow the headlines. We're in the middle of some huge disruptive inflections in technology, the labor market and geopolitics that will raise fundamental questions about the future of work and the social contracts between governments and their people and employers and employees. These will all erupt in the next presidency.

What are the signs of that? Well, my candidate for best lead paragraph on a news article so far this year goes to Tom Goodwin, an executive at Havas Media, whose essay March 3 on Techcrunch.com began: "Uber, the world's largest taxi company, owns no vehicles. Facebook, the world's most popular media owner, creates no content. Alibaba, the most valuable retailer,

provider, owns no real estate. Something interesting is happening." There sure is. We're at the start of a major shift on the question of what's worth owning. What all of the above companies have in common is that they have either created trust platforms that match supply and demand for things people never thought of supplying: a spare bedroom in their home or a seat in their car or a commercial link between a small retailer in North Dakota and a small manufacturer in China. Or they are behavioral platforms that spin off extremely valuable data for retailers and advertisers or they are behavioral platforms on which ordinary people can generate reputations - for driving, hosting or any skill you can imagine - and then market themselves globally. This is a result of the exponential growth in computing power, storage, networking, sensors and software generation and interoperability, which is allowing us to both gather massive amounts of data and apply software to that data to see patterns at a speed and scope unknown before. And it is taking friction out of so many things at once: from hailing a cab to reserving a room in someone's home in Timbuktu to buying groceries to learning from anyone anywhere to designing an airplane part on a 3-D printer in a week instead of six months. Complexity is becoming free.\A recent study by the Oxford Martin School concluded that 47 percent of U.S. jobs are at high risk of being taken by smart machines and software in the next two decades. And what is interesting, notes James Manvika, a director of the McKinsey Global Institute and co-author of "No Ordinary Disruption," is that, contrary to expectations, "knowledge workers at the middle and the top" may be more threatened than those doing physical work. For example, The Associated Press now uses computers, not report-

ers, to generate more than 3,000

financial reports per quarter. This

can free up workers to do more creative work, but they have to be trained for it.

On geopolitics, we still have great

power rivalries, but the most rel-

evant divide in the world will no longer be East-West, capitalistcommunist. It will be the World of Order versus the World of Disorder, as environmental, sectarian and economic pressures are pulverizing weak and failed states. Every day now you read about people fleeing the World of Disorder for the World of Order. Rohingyas, a mostly Muslim group, from Myanmar and Bangladesh are trying to get into Thailand and Malaysia; Africans and Arabs are trying to cross the Mediterranean to Europe; Central American parents have sent thousands of their kids to the United States. Israel's government has started

sending letters to 45,000 Eritrean and Sudanese refugees - who walked, rode and sailed to Israel in search of order and work - telling them they have 30 days to accept \$3,500 in cash and a one-way ticket home or to an unnamed third country in Africa or face prison, The Washington Post reported last week.

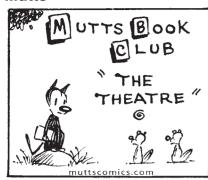
Last year, the U.N.'s refugee agency said there are more dis-

agency said there are more displaced people worldwide - some 50 million - than at any time since World War II. But here's the rub: We don't know what to do. We used to rely on empires, colonizers and dictators to control a lot of these places, but we're now in a post-imperial, post-colonial and, in many places, post-autocratic age. No one wants to touch these disorderly zones because all you win is a bill. And most are incapable of democratic selt-governance. Who will control these areas? What if the answer is nobody? It will be one of the big leadership challenges of the next decade.

So, to paraphrase Trotsky once more: Our presidential candidates may not be interested in talking seriously about the future yet, but the future will be interested in talking to them.

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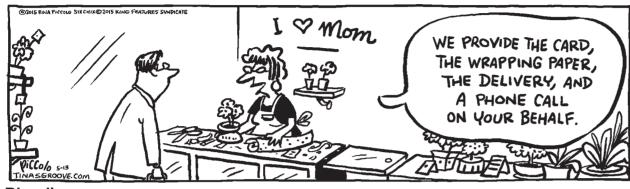
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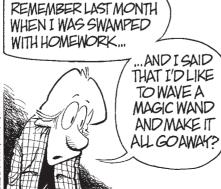






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The economic cycle shuddered and growth slowed, but didn't turn down enough to have registered as a recession. (He used the phrase "pronounced, pervasive and persistent" to describe the institute's recession criteria.)

No one is cheering about the economy. Even without a second recession, the recovery from the last one that did take place has been the weakest since the Great Depression. That's even after extraordinary efforts by the Federal Reserve to stimulate the economy, and while the Fed has stopped adding to its bond portfolio, it has yet to begin raising shortterm interest rates, which remain near zero percent. Fed policy continues, in short, to be highly stimulative. Despite all that help from monetary policy, for the most part the economy has grown in fits and starts at a very subdued level, and that anemic progress continues: The most current government figures show that the seasonally adjusted GDP grew a mere 0.2 percent, annualized, in the first quarter of this year. The number for the second quarter is expected to be somewhat better, but even so, this has not been an economy to celebrate. "It's been about as weak as it could be without falling into recession," Achuthan said. "We don't see a recession on the horizon right now. But growth has been so low that there isn't much leeway."

The Federal Reserve and other central banks have certainly contributed to the sharp rise in the value of assets like stocks and real estate since the nadir of 2009, he said, and they have probably also contributed, indirectly, to alobal economic growth. But it's quite possible, he said, that we have not fallen into another recession yet mainly because we've been "lucky." There has been no negative oil price shock, for example, unlike in past periods when such shocks precipitated recessions.

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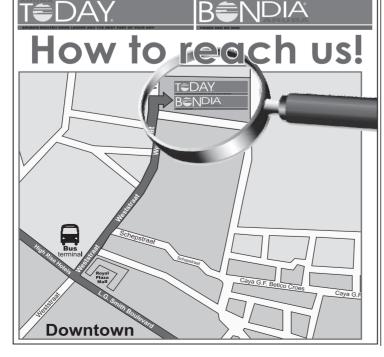
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John Nash, wife, 'A Beautiful Mind' inspiration, die in U.S.

BRUCE SHIPKOWSKI Associated Press

TRENTON, New Jersey (AP)

John Forbes Nash Jr., a mathematical genius whose struggle with schizophrenia was chronicled in the 2001 movie "A Beautiful Mind," has died along with his wife in a car crash on the New Jersey Turnpike. He was 86.

Nash and Alicia Nash, 82, of Princeton Township, were killed in a taxi crash Saturday, state police said. A colleague who had received an award with Nash in Norway earlier in the week said they had just flown home and the couple had taken a cab home from the airport.

Russell Crowe, who portrayed Nash in "A Beautiful Mind," tweeted that he was "stunned."

"An amazing partnership," he wrote. "Beautiful minds, beautiful hearts."

In a statement Sunday, Jennifer Connelly, who won the supporting actress Oscar for playing Alicia Nash, called the couple "an inspiration," and the film's director, Ron Howard, tweeted that "it



In this March 24, 2002 file photo, John Nash, left, and his wife Alicia, arrive at the 74th

century.

Just a few days ago, Nash had received a prize from the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters in Oslo with New York University mathematician Louis Nirenberg, who said he'd chatted with the couple for an hour at the airport in Newark before they'd gotten a cab. Nirenberg said Nash was a truly great mathematician and "a kind of genius."

Princeton University President Christopher Eisgruber said the Nashes were special members of the univergruber said in a statement.

urday in Monroe Township, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) northeast of Trenton. The cab driver was hospitalized.

News of the deaths was shocking to Nirenberg.

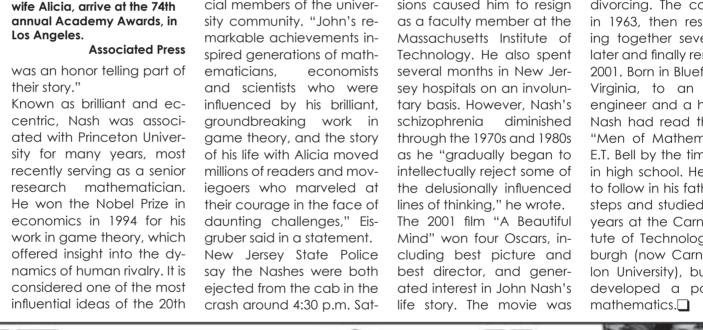
"We were all so happy together," Nirenberg said. "It seemed like a dream."

John David Stier, Nash's son with his first wife, said he learned of the death Sunday morning. "It's very upsetting," he said.

In an autobiography written for The Nobel Foundation website, Nash said delusions caused him to resign

based on an unauthorized biography by Sylvia Nasar, who wrote that Nash's contemporaries found him "immensely strange" and "slightly cold, a bit superior, somewhat secretive." Crowe was nominated for a best actor Oscar.

Much of his demeanor likely stemmed from mental illness, which began emerging in 1959 when Alicia was pregnant with a son. The film, though, did not mention Nash's older son or the years that he and Alicia spent living together after divorcing. The couple split in 1963, then resumed living together several years later and finally remarried in 2001. Born in Bluefield, West Virginia, to an electrical engineer and a housewife, Nash had read the classic "Men of Mathematics" by E.T. Bell by the time he was in high school. He planned to follow in his father's footsteps and studied for three years at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh (now Carnegie Mel-Ion University), but instead developed a passion for









Actress Anne Meara, mom of Ben Stiller, dies

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actrons and compadign Appa

tress and comedian Anne Meara, whose comic work with husband Jerry Stiller helped launch a 60-year career in film and TV, has died. She was 85.

Jerry Stiller and son Ben Stiller say Meara died Saturday. No other details were provided.

The Stiller family released a statement to The Associated Press on Sunday describing Jerry Stiller as Meara's "husband and partner in life."

"The two were married for 61 years and worked together almost as long," the statement said.

The couple performed as Stiller & Meara on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and other programs in the 1960s and won awards for the radio and TV commercials they made together. Meara also appeared in dozens of films and TV shows, includ-

ing a longtime role on "All My Children" and recurring appearances on "Rhoda," "Alf," "Sex and the City" and "The King of Queens." She shared the screen with her son in 2006's "Night at the Museum."

Meara was twice nominated for an Emmy Award for her supporting role on "Archie Bunker's Place," along with two other Emmy nods, most recently in 1997 for her guest-starring role on "Homicide." She won a Writers Guild Award for cowriting the 1983 TV movie "The Other Woman."

Besides her husband and son, Meara is survived by her daughter, Amy, and several grandchildren.

The family statement said: "Anne's memory lives on in the hearts of daughter Amy, son Ben, her grand-children, her extended family and friends, and the millions she entertained as an actress, writer and comedienne."



In this March 17, 2009, file photo, Jerry Stiller, left, and Anne Meara arrive at the premiere of "I Love You, Man" in Los Angeles.

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After a decade online, YouTube is redefining celebrity

DERRIK J. LANG AP Entertainment Writer LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's a meet-and-greet worthy of an A-list star.

Outside the three-story bookstore at the outdoor shopping mecca known as The Grove, hundreds of mostly young women have formed a line that stretches past trendy clothing stores and spills out onto a nearby street. They're waiting to have Connor Franta, an affable 22-year-old Internet personality best known for delivering diary-like monologues on YouTube, sign a copy of his new memoir.

The irony of a YouTube star drawing a massive crowd at a bookstore isn't lost on talent manager Andrew Graham.

"A year ago, I went to New York and tried to get a book publisher to take a meeting with me," said Graham, who represents Franta and other megapopular YouTubers. "I had one meeting, and they laughed at me. Here we are a year later at Barnes & Noble in Los Angeles with a New York Times best-selling author who is a client. I think that says it all. It's a 180-degree turn."

Franta isn't a singer, chef, comedian or athlete. He's a YouTube star angling to be the Oprah Winfrey for millennials.

In its 10-years of existence, YouTube has evolved from a playground for kitty videos to a \$20 billion visual menagerie. Along the way, it's also become an incubator for a new type of celebrity — a digital Brat Pack that's leveraging smartphone stardom to write books, drop albums, design products and break into Hollywood.

"It's the most powerful marketing platform in the world for millennials," said Graham. "If you're trying to reach that audience of girls gathered downstairs, YouTube is the venue to do that. Look at an artist like Fred (Lucas Cruikshank). He went off to Hollywood, created some films, neglected his channel, came back to YouTube and ... crickets. No one was there anymore. You can't abandon it."



This undated photo provided by Vessel shows, Senior Talent Manager, Big Frame, Andrew Graham, left, and YouTube creator, Connor Franta.

Associated Press

In recent years, YouTube, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this month, has propped up YouTubers like Franta—"creators," the site calls them — who attract millions of subscribers that regularly watch their online videos and the advertising attached to them.

Their popularity is still eclipsed by music videos, which continue account for YouTube's most watched clips. Yet the fandom that creators are inspiring, and the ad revenue they're bringing in,



In this April 24, 2015 file photo, Hannah Hart attends Variety's Power of Women Luncheon at Cipriani Midtown in New York. **Associated Press**

can't be ignored.

With his playful grin and doe eyes, Franta currently boasts more than 4.4 million devotees to his personal YouTube channel, where he speaks to viewers about life, dating, candy, whatever at least once a



In this May 9, 2015 file photo, Justin Bieber performs at Wango Tango 2015 at StubHub Center in Carson, Calif.

Associated Press

week. He began posting videos in 2010 while still attending high school in La Crescent, Minnesota. Now, he's releasing music compilations and a line of locally grown coffee.

For every Justin Bieber or Psy, perhaps YouTube's biggest success stories, there are dozens of Frantas. It's a form of celebrity that didn't exist 10 years ago, when YouTube was born and made it simple post video online. Franta, who continues to upload videos despite his other endeavors, is young enough to have been inspired by the YouTube aesthetic: improvised vloggers that came before

"There are guys like Shane Dawson and Phillip Google DeFranco who I was a fan of, and now we're friends," said Franta, sequestered York, Tokyo and Sao Paulo from fans behind racks for creators who have of his book, "A Work in more than 5,000 subscribers

Progress," in the Barnes & Noble stockroom. "Do you know how awkward it would be to tell some of my friends that I watched them on YouTube in my bedroom before I knew them? It's weird to think of it like that." The creators' importance to YouTube is evidenced by the Google-backed site bankrolling marketing campaigns the past two years featuring such famous (on the Internet) faces as Bethany Mota, Hannah Hart and Grace Helbig. While such creators vlog about very different topics, they usually share a similar delivery, quirky editing and personalities that jump off screens.

has opened production facilities in London, Los Angeles, New to film videos. The studios are equipped with sets and equipment that transcend most YouTubers' rooms and webcams. The spaces also serve as social hubs for creators. Several of them will host 10th anniversary parties on Wednesday.

"For us, creators lightbulb of the the ecosystem," said Kevin Allocca, YouTube's head of culture and trends. "Sure, YouTube was originally known for viral videos, and that was great and still is, but if you want to be able to build a business, you need to be able to create a following. I think it's a very different model than traditional media. It's about maximizing the connection with an audience."

That's not so different from the genesis of YouTube, which entered its beta phase in May 2005. The firstever video posted on the site was a crude 19-second clip titled "Me at the Zoo" that featured YouTube co-founder Jawed Karim speaking directly to the camera about the "cool" elephants at the San Diego Zoo.

It's been a decade, and while video lengths are longer and resolutions are higher, the sentiment is the same: watch me.

The next evolution for online video has seemingly already arrived, with such sites and apps as Twitch, Periscope, Meerkat and YouNow making it easier than ever to stream live video. That's a feature YouTube has in its arsenal but the streaming video giant has yet to solidify itself as a live video destination. "There's a ton opportunity for innovation there," said Allocca. "As it becomes easier to stream and take advantages of audiences built on YouTube, there's going to be some interesting stuff. It's another one of those things that's really hard to predict what will be next. I definitely think live experiences and people gathering around singular moments will continue to grow." If the rise of YouTube over the past decade is any indication, so will the lines to meet creators.

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